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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Security in the CIA History Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, CIA Historical Staff to  
Historical Officers and Writers, 8 Sept 1971

1. The reference memorandum is the most recent written statement of policy concerning security in the CIA Historical Program. On 1 November 1973, I discussed the reference statement with Walter Elder, Chief of the History Staff, to determine its present applicability.

2. Elder stated that his policy with respect to security control in the CIA Historical Program is to "keep it simple." Access to histories will continue to be on a need-to-know basis; in questionable cases the producing component will have the final decision with respect to granting access to a history. Access logs and semi-annual audits of histories, as described in the reference memorandum, will no longer be required under Elder's policy.



Chairman, DDI Historical Board

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